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State Controller Westly Calls for Governor to Drop Threat of Special Election

SACRAMENTO - State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement, urging Governor Schwarzenegger to drop his proposed Special Election this November:

“Last week, I called on the Governor to postpone his threat of a special election this November. The special election will cost California counties an estimated \$70 million – money they just don’t have. The millions spent on a special election can be better used for county law enforcement, health clinics, roads, and schools.

“If the governor fails to compromise on his initiatives with members of the legislature, he should wait to place those initiatives on the next regularly scheduled election in June 2006.

“I am glad the governor realized his pension plan was flawed, but I challenge Governor Schwarzenegger to return to the negotiating table and work with legislators on all his proposals.”

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